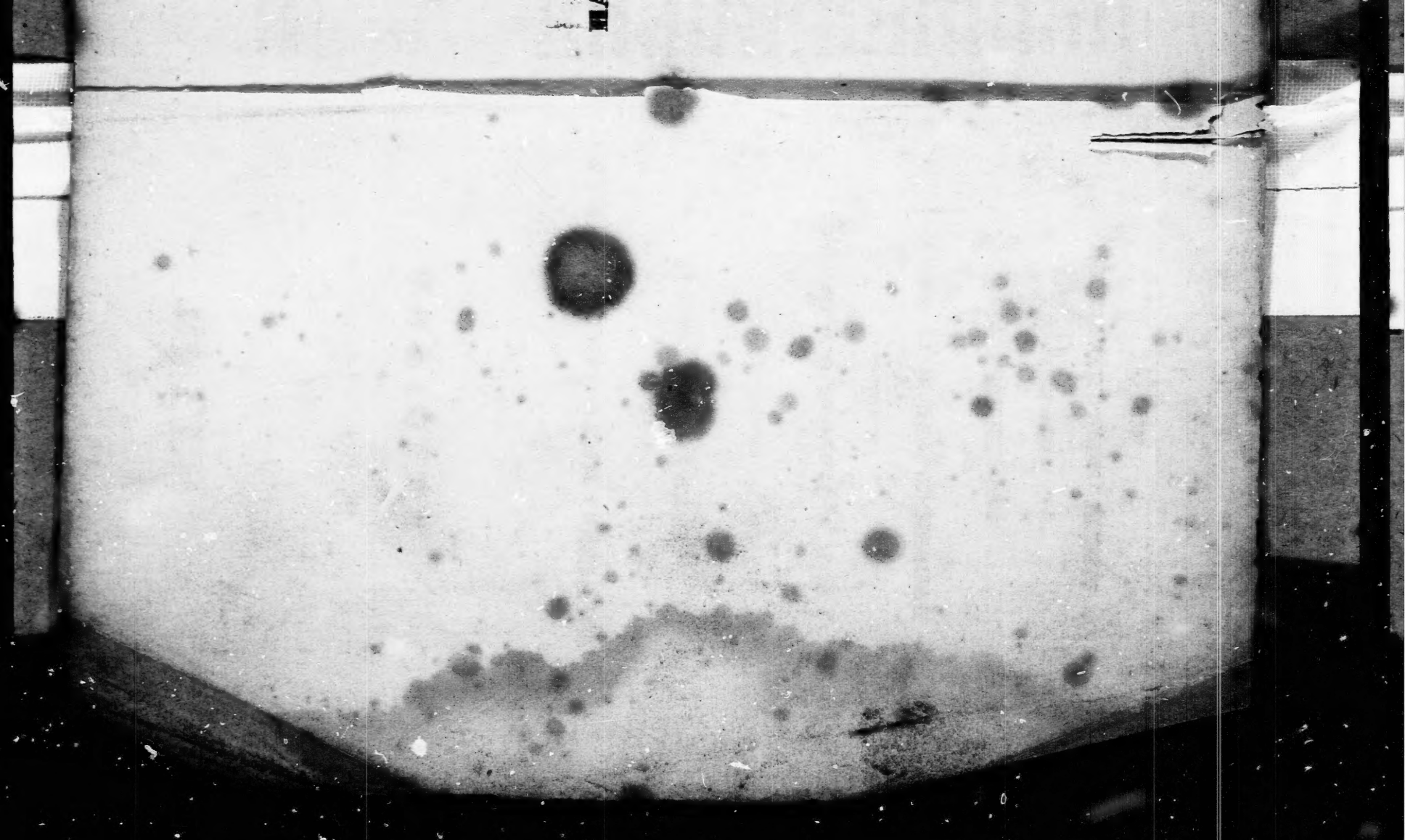

RULES

AND

ARTICLES

OF THE

HAND-IN-HAND FIRE COMPANY,

IN THE TOWN OF HALIFAX,

INSTITUTED

***28th day of January*, 1789.**

REVISED AT A SPECIAL MEETING,

Held 10th March, 1835.

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RULES, &c.

TO BE OBSERVED BY THE

Hand-in-Hand Fire Company.

It is the indispensible duty of every Member of a Community, more especially in compact Towns, to guard against the fatal effects of Fire; and to prevent as much as possible, the dreadful consequences of so alarming and destructive a calamity. And it is generally acknowledged, from the experience of every well regulated Society, that [illegible] Associations have the best tendency to prevent [illegible] evils—which are too frequently felt by the unfortunate, from the baseness and treachery of wicked and designing persons, who avail themselves of the confusion, incident to such events, as affording a favourable opportunity for the perpetration of their vile and inhuman practices. We, the President and Members of the "HAND IN HAND FIRE COMPANY." Convinced of the truth of these facts, and satisfied that many and great benefits result from the establishment of Fire Companies, and reposing special trust and confidence in the honor and integrity of each other, do agree to the following Rules—(being a revision and consolidation of the standing Regulations of the Society)—as passed at a Special Meeting of the Company, held on the 10th day of March, 1835. And we pledge ourselves to each other to observe these Rules—and all others which may be duly made in addition, amendment or alteration thereof.

RULE 1.

MEMBERS.—The Society shall be confined to seventy-five acting Members, exclusive of Honorary Members.

RULE 2.

THE OFFICERS.—The Officers shall consist of a President Vice President, Secretary, and Special Fire Constables, to be chosen from the acting Members, at the Annual Meeting in December. They shall serve for a Year, unless removed or incapacitated. Any vacancy which may happen, shall be filled up at the first subsequent Meeting, in the same manner as prescribed for the usual Annual Election.

RULE 3.

ELECTION OF [illegible] AND VICE PRESIDENT.—The P[illegible] first chosen in the following manner:—[illegible]ember present shall write on a slip of paper the name of the person whom he proposes as a Candidate, and shall deliver it folded up to the President; who, when the whole are collected, shall declare the Candidate for whom most votes are given, duly elected. The Vice President shall be next elected in the same manner as the President.

RULE 4.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.—The Secretary for the time being, shall make out a List or Roaster of all the acting Members of the Company, in the following order—that is to say:—At the head of the List shall be placed the names of all such Members, as have never served in the office of Secretary, or paid the composition for not serving—in the order in which their names stand on the Books of the Company—

next the names of such Members, as have not served or paid the composition within five years in the like order, and lastly the names of all the remaining acting Members of the Company, in the like order. The President shall then call upon each Member individually, as they stand upon the said List or Roaster (excepting always the President and Vice President elected for the ensuing year)—to serve in the office of Secretary, or pay the composition money for not serving; and each Member, in order shall answer if he will serve or pay the composition. And upon the name of any Member absent from the Meeting being called, such Member shall be appointed conditionally—subject to his refusal to serve or pay the composition; and the President or Chairman of the Meeting shall proceed to call upon the other Members in order, until some Member present shall consent to serve; and the Secretary shall call immediately after the Meeting upon all the absent Members, requiring them either to accept the office of Secretary, or to pay the composition; and if any Member absent at the Meeting, shall consent to serve as Secretary, then all Members whose names stand on the List before the Member so consenting, and who shall have refused to serve shall pay the composition; but all Members whose names stand on the List after the Member so consenting, shall be discharged from the payment of any composition. But if no Member present at the Meeting will take the Office, and no absent Member shall afterwards consent to do so, then at the next Meeting of the Company, the List or Roaster shall again be called, and the like proceedings had, until some member shall consent to act as Secretary. In the mean time, however, the Secretary in Office, at the time of any such Election, shall continue to serve and act as Secretary, until some other Member be chosen and appointed under this Rule.

RULE 5.

ELECTION OF CONSTABLES.—The Special Fire Constables shall serve in rotation, beginning at the oldest acting Member of the Company—excepting always the President, Vice President and Secretary, elected for the ensuing year, also any Member who is, or may be appointed a Fireward for this Town.

RULE 6.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.—Every Candidate shall be openly proposed at a General Meeting, by some Member of the Society: upon which the sense of the Company present, shall be taken by Ballot with Beans; and the Candidate shall be considered elected if he have three-fourths of the votes of the Members present in his favor. The Member who proposes a Candidate, shall stand pledged to the Company that he is duly authorised by the Candidate so to do. In case any Candidate after his Election, shall decline to join the Society, and it shall be considered that the Member who proposed him did so without due authority, the Company may, in its discretion, fine such Member at the rate specified in the Schedule of Fines.

RULE 7.

DUTY OF PRESIDENT.—It shall be the duty of the President to direct and regulate the Members, as far as possible, when called out at any Fire: he shall preserve strict order in the Company at their several Meetings, attend to the motions made by the Members, and when seconded, put them to vote. He shall not, on any account, take a part in any argument or offer an opinion, unless specially requested by one of the Members; nor give any but a casting vote.

RULE 8.

DUTY OF VICE PRESIDENT.—It shall be the duty of the Vice President to supply the place of the President, whenever the latter shall be absent from Fires, or the Meetings of the Company; and when present on these occasions to assist him in the performance of his duties.

RULE 9.

DUTY OF SECRETARY.—As soon as a new Secretary is absolutely appointed, and has accepted the Office, his predecessor shall immediately deliver to him all the Books, Articles and Money of the Society in his possession. And the Secretary for the time being, shall always be answerable to the Society for the Books, Articles and Money which ought to be in his possession. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend at all Inspections of the Equipments of the Company; to warn the Members for all Meetings; to call the Roll, and keep a Minute of the proceedings of each Meeting: to collect all Fines and Dues, and to make such payments as may be directed by the President or the Company; and to make a fair and perfect Entry of all the transactions of the Society. He shall before every Quarterly Meeting, enter in a Book to be kept specially for that purpose, any alterations or additions which may be made to the permanent Rules of the Society, so that the same may always appear distinct from the common business of the Company. In such Book he shall always keep a correct List of the Members of the Company, with the dates of their admission; and shall regularly enter on the proceedings, the names of those Members to whom Lanthorns, Bed Keys, or extra Buckets are given. At every Meeting he shall have a fair List prepared of the Fines

and Dues standing against each Member; and shall serve each Member before every Meeting with a notice of the amount of the Fines and Dues (if any) standing against him. He shall bring the Books of the Society to each Meeting; and generally he shall execute all other duties imposed on him by the Rules of the Society.

RULE 10.

DUTY OF MEMBERS.—Each Member shall, within one month after his admission into this Company, furnish himself, at his own expense, with two good leather Buckets, strong and well made, to contain nearly three gallons of water each, with proper and substantial handles; also with two Bags each, of one yard and three quarters in length, made of Ravens Duck, having strings fixed in order to close them when filled, together with a Belt and Straps to carry the Bags, and likewise with a Fireman's Cap with Flaps. The crown of the Cap to be painted white, and the Buckets and Bags to be marked with the owner's name at length; and underneath upon the Buckets, and also on the front of the Cap, two clasped hands, handsomely painted, to designate them as the property of the Members of this Company. The Cap, Buckets and Bags, shall all be kept in good order; and shall be constantly placed or hung together in the most convenient part of the House; and shall not be used or removed on any pretence whatever, except on an alarm of Fire. In case of Fire at night, each Member shall wear his Cap, but he shall not be obliged to do so at other times.

RULE 11.

DUTY OF MEMBERS.—There shall always be provided, at the expense of the Company, fifteen Lanthorns,

six Bed Keys, and fifty Buckets, which shall be distributed by the President at the Meeting in December, to such Members as he shall choose, and be retained by them for a year. Every Member so receiving a Lanthorn, Bed Key or Buckets, shall keep the same in good order, and constantly placed or hung up together with his other Equipments; and shall not use them on any other occasion than on an alarm of Fire. Each Lanthorn shall be constantly kept provided by the Member having charge of it, with a whole candle in the case, and not less than six inches of a candle in the socket thereof ready fitted for use. The Lanthorn and Bed Keys shall be produced at every December Meeting, by the Members respectively having charge of them, to be delivered to such Members as shall be appointed to receive them. Each Member shall provide himself with a Printed Set of the Rules, which he shall also produce at every December Meeting.

RULE 12.

OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.—Every Member upon hearing an alarm of Fire, shall immediately repair with his Cap, Buckets, Bags, Lanthorn and Bed Key entrusted to him, to the place of alarm—and there give every assistance in his power, for the preservation of the effects of his fellow townsmen. But whenever the Property of any Member of the Company shall be in real danger, the saving thereof shall be the primary object of the Company's care and attention; for which purpose the Members shall severally go to the House or Store containing the effects in danger, and proceed in removing them, agreebly to the directions of the owner if present, or otherwise as shall appear best for his interest and benefit. And every Member who through negligence or indolence shall omit to give his attendance or assistance on such an

occasion, shall be for ever expelled the Company; unless he can, at the next quarterly Meeting, give a satisfactory reason to the Company for his omission. And in order to preserve regularity, and to prevent any deceit or imposition from intruders, at the removal of effects in the time of Fire, one of the Members shall stand as sentinel at the door of the House where the Company is employed. And on all occasions of Fire, the Members shall obey the directions of the Officers.

RULE 13.

ENGINE COMPANIES.—As the present Engine Companies in this Town are entitled to the first care and attention of the Inhabitants in time of Fire, this Company will extend to them the same aid and relief as if they were actually Members thereof; and also to such other Engine Companies as may hereafter be formed.

RULE 14.

INSPECTION AFTER FIRES AND BEFORE QUARTERLY MEETINGS.—The Secretary and one Member shall make a careful inspection of all the Equipments of every Member of the Company—and also of all the Ladders, Pumps, Fire Hooks and other articles of the Company, at the time of warning for each Quarterly Meeting; and a like inspection shall be made under an order from the President, within a week after every Fire. And a Report in writing of such inspection, signed by the persons making it, shall be delivered at the next Quarterly Meeting. Every Member upon whom the Secretary may choose to call, shall be bound to attend him on this duty, unless such as have performed the same duty within a year preceding.

RULE 15.

ARTICLES LOST AT FIRES.—If any Member of the Company shall lose at a Fire, any of his own Equipments, or any of the Articles belonging to the Company, which may have been entrusted to his keeping; he shall report the same at the first Meeting of the Company after the Fire. And if he shall declare upon his honor, that he hath made a diligent and proper search for their recovery, the expense of replacing all such articles shall be paid by the Company. But in every case the loser shall replace all such articles as belong to himself, within ten days after such Fire, without awaiting the decision of the Company.

RULE 16.

FUNDS OF THE COMPANY, AND THEIR APPLICATION.—The Funds of the Company shall be lodged in some Bank or other safe place of deposit to be chosen by the President, and shall be withdrawn therefrom as the same shall be required by Checks signed by the Secretary. And the monies remaining from time to time, shall be strictly applied in defraying the expences of replacing lost Equipments, and in promoting the legitimate objects of the Society.

RULE 17.

MEETINGS.—There shall be four Quarterly Meetings in every year. They shall be held at such place as the President, or in his absence, the Vice President shall appoint, and upon the first Wednesday of December, March, June and September, respectively; at seven o'clock in the evening in the first two months, and at eight o'clock in the others. The President also for the time being, or in his absence, the Vice President, may at any time, on the request in writing, of any six or more Members, summon a

Special Meeting of the Company upon any particular business.

RULE 18.

SUMMONS.—Each Member shall be warned to attend every Meeting by a notice in writing, which the Secretary shall leave at his Dwelling House, at latest on the day next preceding that on which it is to be held. The notice for the December Meeting shall particularly express that there is an additional Fine for non-attendance on that evening.—The amount of Fines due by the respective Members shall be noted on the Summons.

RULE 19.

CALLING THE ROLL.—At the hour fixed for Meeting the Roll of the Company shall be called over, and the names as well of those who do not answer, as of those who do, shall be entered on the proceedings:—but no Member shall be fined for not answering who shall enter the Room while the Roll is being called. To prevent any difference with respect to the hour of Meeting, the President, or in his absence, the Vice President, or Chairman for the evening, shall regulate his watch by the Town Clock—and his decision as to the time of calling the Roll, shall be final.

RULE 20.

BUSINESS OF MEETINGS.—At each Quarterly Meeting, the proceedings of the last Quarterly Meeting and subsequent Special Meetings, shall be read immediately after Roll call; and before an adjournment is moved, the proceedings of the Meeting shall be read by the Secretary, after which they shall not be called in question.

RULE 21.

ORDER AT MEETINGS.—For the preservation of good order and regularity at all Meetings, every Member, when addressing the President, shall stand ; and any Member who shall interrupt him in any manner, or shall converse on any subject while a Member is addressing the President, shall be called to order by him, or by the Vice-President, and shall, if refractory, be subject to the fine declared for such offence in the schedule of Fines part of these Rules. All motions shall be determined by the majority except the admission of new members. But a motion for altering any printed rule shall not be considered as carried unless there appear a majority of two thirds of the company present in favor of it. Members are not to leave the room during business, without leave of the President or Chairman of the Evening.

RULE 22.

ABSENCE OF MEMBERS,—Every Member who shall be absent at eight successive Quarterly Meetings shall be considered as having withdrawn from this Company, and his name shall be omitted in the Books of the Company accordingly.

RULE 23.

HONORARY MEMBERS.—Every Member who has been enrolled in the Company for twenty years, shall at his request be entered as an Honorary Member, and shall be exempted from attendance at meetings, and from all Fines and Dues.

RULE 24.

Every Member on his admission into the Company, shall pay a fee of Five Shillings.

Every Member shall pay on each Quarterly Meeting in aid of the Funds, Two Shillings and Six Pence.

RULE 25.

FINES.—The following Fines shall be imposed and paid for the offences undermentioned :

For proposing a Candidate without his authority, Five Shillings.

Not providing Cap, Buckets and Bags, each Two Shillings and Six Pence ; and both here and elsewhere (throughout this Rule) wherever a Fine is imposed on the Buckets and Bags—each Bucket and Bag is to be considered separately.

Not providing Belts and Straps for the Bags, one Shilling and Three Pence.

Not providing Candles, or not having the same of the proper length, or in the proper place, each Candle, Seven Pence half-penny.

Not replacing any of the before mentioned articles which may be missing after a Fire, each Article, one Shilling and Three Pence.

Using improperly, or having out of repair, or not in proper place, or not in the order prescribed by the Rules, either Cap, Buckets, Bags, Lanthorn, Bed-Key, or any of the Articles belonging to the Member or to the Company, each Article, one Shilling and Three Pence.

Neglecting to attend at Fires, each Member, Five Shillings.

Neglecting to take to Fires, all the Articles required by the Rules, each Article, Two Shillings and Six Pence.

Neglecting or refusing to perform the duties prescribed by the Rules, at Fires, each Member, Ten Shillings.

Absence after Roll-call, Seven Pence half-penny.

Absence the whole evening, in addition to the Quarterly dues, one Shilling and Threepence.

Leaving the Room without the permission of the President or Chairman of the evening, One Shilling and Three Pence.

Contumacious conduct at a Meeting, one Shilling and Three Pence; if the same should be continued, Fine to be doubled.

Absence at the December Meeting, in addition to the Quarterly Dues, Two Shillings and Six Pence.

Not taking Lanthorn, Bed Key or Book to December Meeting, each One Shilling and Three Pence. But when a Member is absent from the Meeting, this Fine is not to be added to his Fine for absence.

Refusing to serve as Secretary, each Member, ten Shillings.

Refusing to attend the Secretary, at the Quarterly or other inspections, each Member, five Shillings.

President and Vice President.

For non-attendance at Meetings or Fires, or for absence after Roll-call, double Fines.

Secretary.

Neglecting Quarterly Inspections altogether, Ten Shillings.

Neglecting to bring the Books of the Society to each Meeting, Five Shillings.

Other neglects, (subject to reduction at the discretion of the Meeting,) Five Shillings.

Constables.

Refusing to serve, each Member, Ten Shillings.

For neglect, or direlection of duty, Ten Shillings.

ARTICLES BELONGING TO THE COMPANY.

Four Ladders and two (Pole) Hooks, deposited S. W. Corner of the Fuel Yard, in charge of the Secretary for the time being.

Two Iron (chain) Hooks, deposited on Collins' Wharf, in charge of Mr. W. B. Fairbanks.

One Iron (Chain) Hook, deposited

Firewards for the Town of Halifax.

CHAIRMAN.—William A. Black,

SECRETARY AND TREASURER.—James F. Gray,

SOUTH SUBURBS.

Edward Pryor and James Tremain.

St. Peter's Ward.—Andrew M. Uniacke, and William Young.

St. Matthew's Ward.—Lawrence Hartshorne and William M. Allan.

St. Paul's Ward.—George N. Russell, and James F. Gray.

County Court House Ward.—John James Sawyer, and Wm. Stairs.

St. John's Ward.—S. W. Deblois, and John Howe, Junr.

North Barrack Ward.—Geo. P. Lawson, and M. Tobin, Junr

Brunswick Ward.—Hon. Samuel Cunard, James N. Shannon, and Joseph Starr.

St. George's Ward.—Edward Cunard, and John Dempster.

COMMITTEE TO MANAGE AND DIRECT AT FIRES.—Wm. A. Black, James N. Shannon, Joseph Starr, and Edward Pryor.

COMMITTEE FOR EXAMINING PUBLIC PUMPS AND WELLS.—William A. Black, William M. Allan, and George P. Lawson.

FIREWARDS APPOINTED TO ENGINES.

No 1, William Stairs; No. 2, James F. Gray; No. 3, William M. Allan; No. 4, (Nova-Scotia,) Edward Cunard; No. 5, (Etna,) John Dempster.

Fire Engine Company.

Captain, Elias Cabot ; Secretary, Robert A Bigby ; Treasurer, James Smith, (Hon. Member.)

First Division.—William Caldwell, Lieut. ; Thomas Mackie, Thomas Pallister, William J. Rogers, Timothy Connors, Wm. Murray, James Mahony, Hunter St Andrews, Joseph Bennett, Frederick Sturmy, William Liswell, William Flynn, James Smithers John Rhind, and James Humphrey.

Second Division.—Thomas Cassedy, Lieutenant ; Edw. Sturmy, Daniel McLean, Thomas Wilson, Charles Hunter, Jeremiah Muhlig, John Richardson, Benjamin Smithers, James Malcolm, Wm. Crawford, John Johnson, Joseph Scriven, and Thomas Lownds.

Third Division.—George Little, Lieutenant ; James Thomson, Robert Haverstock, Samuel Carten, Robert A. Bigby, Wm. Dillen, George Smithers, John Johnson, Junr., Daniel Holman, Alexander Knight, and Alexander Ross.

Fourth Division.—John Drillio, Lieutenant ; Robert Woodill, George Barton, J. Pallister, Stephen Studley, John Gibson, Wm. Thomson, Thomas Holloway, James Connors, James Findlay, J. Kielley, and John McKay.

Fifth Division.—Henry Spike, Lieutenant ; Manuel Defreytas, John Esson, Michael Maloney, James Ward, Joseph McGill, Wm. Stevenson, and John Forrest.

STATIONS OF THE ENGINES.—No. 1 and 2, St Paul's Church ; No. 3, Mason Hall ; No. 4 and 5, St. George's Church.

Axe Fire Company.

Captain, Robert Richardson ; Lieutenant, John McNiel
Secretary, Thomas McKie.

William Johnston, Errol Boyd, William Marvin, Henry Miller, William Rose, Matthew Lownds, James Grant, Patrick Mahony, J. McPherson, Archibald Lang, Charles Marvin, Ephraim Lawlor, P. Artz, Nelson Marvin, Thomas Dunbrack, Douglas Marshall, and Thomas Wells.

The Hooks, Ladders, &c. belonging to the Company are deposited in the Engine House, west side of St. Paul's Church.

Names of the Acting Members.

Date of Admission	NAMES.	REMARKS.
	CHAS. R. FAIRBANKS	
	WILLIAM B ALMON	
	GEORGE P. LAWSON	
	J. G. A. CREIGHTON	
	WILLIAM M. ALLAN	
	MATHER B. ALMON	
2d Sept., 1823.	ALEX. G. FRASER	
3d March, 1824.	JOHN JAS. SAWYER	
do do	Wm. B. FAIRBANKS	
1st Dec., do	Wm. LAWSON, JNR.	
7th June, 1826	MICH. TOBIN, JNR.	
do do do	J. STEWART CLARKE	
do do do	JAMES F. AVERY	
do do do	THOMAS R. GRASSIE	
5th Sept., do	STEPHEN BINNEY	
5th Dec., do	DAVID ALLISON	
do do do	Wm. B. ROBERTSON	
do do do	LAW. O'C DOYLE	
do Sept., 1827	HENRY PRYOR	
4th June, 1828	HUGH HARTSHORNE	

Date of Admission	NAMES.	REMARKS.
3d Dec. 1828	EDWARD ALLISON	
do do do	GEORGE R. YOUNG	
do June, 1829	WILLIAM J. STARR	
2d Sept., do	ROBERT LAWSON	
do do do	JAMES F. GRAY	
do do do	JOHN STIRLING	
2d Dec. 1829	JONATHAN C. ALLISON	
do do do	JOSEPH FAIRBANKS	
3 March, 1830	JOHN C. HALLIBURTON	
do do do	HENRY YEOMANS, JNR	
1st Dec., do	RICH. TREMAIN, JNR.	
do do do	ANDREW M. UNIACKE	
do do do	WILLIAM GRIGOR	
2d March 1831	JAMES G. RITCHIE	
do do do	CHAS. W. H. HARRIS	
do do do	EDWARD PRYOR, JNR	
do do do	WENT. FLIEGER	
6th June, 1832	JAMES A. MOREN	
5th Dec. do	EDWARD BINNEY	
do do do	WILLIAM F. BLACK	
do do do	SAMUEL B. SMITH	

Date of Admission.	NAMES.	REMARKS.
6 March, 1823	JOSEPH HOWE	
do do do	JOHN W. RITCHIE	
4th Dec. do	THOMAS A. RITCHIE	
3d do 1834	GEORGE PRYOR	
do do do	THOMAS C. KINNEAR	

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